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402-466 E. Cross St. (North side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1845 - 1907

The north side of Cross St. east of Riverside Ave. is improved by a variety of building types. The earliest houses on the block, a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by several different builders in the 1840's and early 1850's, is located in the middle of the block at 430-450 E. Cross St. To the east of this group of houses, there is a small, one story, gable-roofed brick church, built in 1873 for the congregation of the Sailors' Union Bethel, a group of seamen who had formerly worshipped on the William Penn, an old clipper ship berthed at the Lee St. wharf. At the far eastern end of the block, near Covington St., there are several two and three story, simple brick structures built in the 1870's or earlier, which were formerly owned by the Rossmarck Brewery which operated a tavern on the site. At the western end of the block, near Riverside Ave., there are two distinct groups of late Victorian-style houses. The first group, 402-408 E. Cross St., is a group of two story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built by James F. Morgan in the late 1880's as part of his development of the adjoining section of Riverside Ave. At 410-420 E. Cross St. there is a row of two story, two bay wide brown brick houses with shed roofs and simple sheet metal bracketed cornices, built by Walter Hampson in 1907. This latter group, along with similar rows built by Hampson directly north of this row on Grindall and Hamburg Streets, are the last houses to be built in the Federal Hill area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

436-438 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

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___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

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___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

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___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

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___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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DATE

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DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story brick houses with gable roofs formed part of the original group of gable roofed houses that extended along this side of Cross St. east of the Fertilizing Co. that occupied the large lot to the west. Both houses have been restored.

The houses are two stories in height, 12'9" wide, and occupy lots 85' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a two story high, one bay deep and wide stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 436 Cross St. also has a later one story high, one bay deep section. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous, two-tier brick cornice. The houses share paired, centrally located double rectangular chimneys on both the front and rear roof gables.

The first and second floor window openings have flat wood lintels and wood sills, though the lintels at 438 Cross St. have an unusual, Victorian feature, with their lower edges cut out in a flat, curved shape. Both doors have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. All of the window openings are filled with new 6/6 sash. Both houses has modern six panel doors set beneath new three-light transoms. The houses sit on high basements, the entrance to 436 being reached by three brick, and the entrance to 438 being reached by four marble steps. Each house has a small square-shaped coal opening located beneath the first floor window. A flat-roofed alleyway runs between the two houses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Michael Muller?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A two story, gable-roofed house was built on this lot in about 1812 by an Abraham Yearly, who lived here until his death in 1832.¹ The same two story house appears in both the 1858 and 1869 Sachse Bird's Eye Views of Baltimore--but the house appears to be in the middle of the lot, leading one to the conclusion that it was not until after the property finally left the family to whom Yearly's estate had sold it, that the present improvements were made.² Structural evidence also indicates that the houses were built after the neighboring houses on either side. If the houses were indeed built in the 1870's they represent a quite late use of the two story, gable-roofed style--most houses of this type being built in the area in the 1850's and 1860's, often along narrow alley streets like the row of similar houses along Patapsco St. north of Cross. The Mullers, who owned the houses in the late 1870's and 1880's, operated a saloon, presumably at this location, in the 1880's.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber WG 121, Folio 59; Liber AI 223, Folio 305

²Ibid., GR 765, Folio 86

³Baltimore City Directory, 1884

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12'9" x 85'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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436-438 E. Cross Street
Block 1915 Lots 015-014
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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436-438 E. Cross St.

M.E.H.

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South elevation